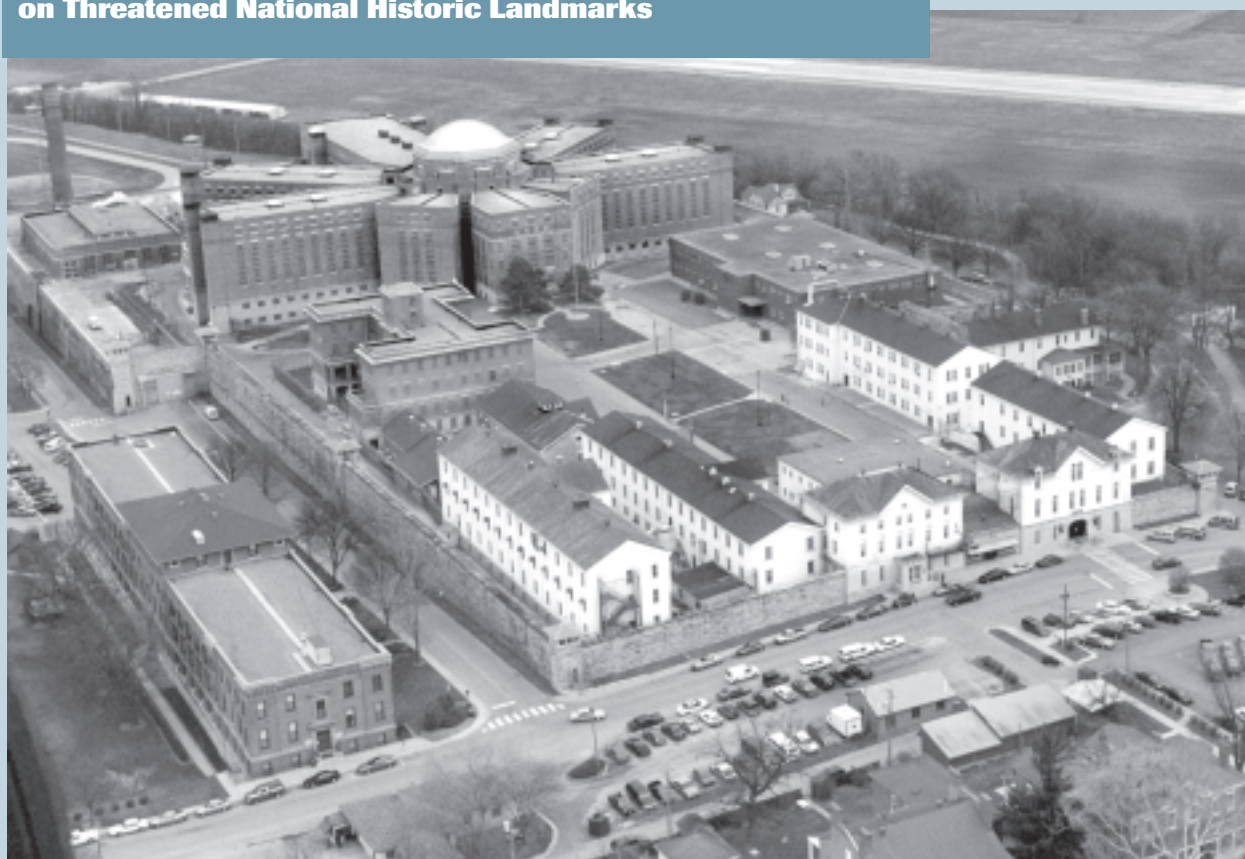


AMERICA'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS AT RISK

**The Secretary of the Interior's Report to the 106th Congress
on Threatened National Historic Landmarks**



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The Mission of the Department of the Interior

The mission of the Department of the Interior is to protect and provide access to our Nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust responsibilities to the tribes.

The Mission of the National Park Service

The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. The Service is also responsible for managing a great variety of national and international programs designed to help extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

The Mission of the National Historic Landmarks Assistance Initiative

The National Historic Landmarks Assistance Initiative seeks to preserve National Historic Landmarks; to provide technical assistance to owners and friends of National Historic Landmarks, in part through partnerships between the NPS and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, state and local governments, and the private sector; and to educate the public about National Historic Landmarks in order to foster support for their protection and that of the Nation's cultural heritage in general.

About the cover: For their important role in our history, many historic forts and military bases have been designated National Historic Landmarks. Today's military is under the same mandate as all Federal agencies to identify, preserve and protect historic buildings and structures. At the same time, emphasis on infrastructure reduction—through surplus and demolition—has threatened historic resources on these sites. Three National Historic Landmark U.S. Army posts are at risk this year:

Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Fort Huachuca is the only surviving active military installation of the almost 70 established in the Arizona territory during the late-nineteenth century.

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (shown on cover): Fort Leavenworth is perhaps the most significant Army post in the Trans-Mississippi West. The Army, which has been recognized for excellence in historic preservation, has been recently directed to reduce 1.25 million square feet of building inventory at Fort Leavenworth, of which upwards of 100,000 square feet is historic. One of the areas being considered in the National Historic Landmark District is the compound shown here, including the impressive, radial plan U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. The Army is presently conducting a study of adaptive reuse of this historic building. Credit: US. Army Photograph*

Fort Sam Houston, Texas: Fort Sam Houston was the Army's principal supply base in the Southwest during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The fort supplied the "Rough Riders" in 1898 and Pershing's Mexican campaign in 1916. Experiments at Fort Sam Houston with the Wright Brothers biplane led to the establishment of the Signal Corps' aviation section in 1914. Despite rehabilitation and reuse of five historic fort buildings, other buildings are vacant and face demolition.

*Unless noted, all photographs in this report are from NPS files.